

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM HANNA SITUATION REPORT # 4 1500 Hours 6 September 2008

New information in bold-italic font

SUMMARY

Tropical Storm Hanna moved through the Rocky Mount, North Carolina area on a N-NE track about 20-25 mph and was out of Virginia by mid-afternoon. Heavy rain spread further west than anticipated with the heaviest rainfall expected through late afternoon. Estimated rainfall of 6 inches impacted the area of Halifax County up to Farmville and into Buckingham County. No significant flooding expected east of I-95 and significant river flooding is not anticipated. Winds are primarily affecting the coast with gusts exceeding 50 mph over the bay. Over land, no significant winds above 40-50 mph with no change anticipated. Expect conditions to improve rapidly southeast to northeast and along the I-81 corridor as the back edge of the rain clearing the area. The threat of tornado activity is minimal. Any threat will be with the wind band heading through the eastern shore.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation

The VEOC is at Response Operations with augmented staff. The VEOC fully augmented at 0700 hours, Saturday, 6 September and will begin transitioning to Routine Operations at 1900 hours 6 September with limited staff on Sunday, 7 September.

Protective Action

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency, directing state agencies to take all reasonable actions necessary to protect the health and safety of Virginians from the potentially damaging effects of Tropical Storm Hanna.

ESF 15 – External Affairs

For 6 September as of 1100 VDEM PAO has handled 19 media requests for information and interviews, including 13 live interviews by phone or on-site at VEOC. For entire event, have handled approx. 70 media requests, including several in Spanish. Continuing to coordinate release of public information from various state agencies for consistent messaging. Contacted media to correct rumor that VA and NC Governors had advised residents to move inland.

WEATHER

Forecast:

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers; low's in the high 60's to low 70's; winds 8 to 11 mph. Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers before midnight. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 66. West wind between 6 and 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 89. North wind around 6 mph. Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64. Calm wind. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming south between 4 and 7 mph.

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring Hurricane Ike which is located 135 miles east of the Grand Turk Island moving West-Southwest at 13 knots with wind speeds of 100 knots per hour, and Tropical Depression Josephine, located West of the Cape Verde Islands moving near 15 knots per hour.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 1 – Transportation

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

At 1300 the Virginia Department of Transportation reported 3 primary and 97 secondary roads closed.

United States Coast Guard (USCG)

The Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) for Virginia set Port Condition Zulu at 0700 hours Saturday, September 06, 2008. This condition means that gale force winds are expected within 12 hours at the Virginia Capes. This announcement established a safety zone that closed the port to all vessel traffic from 0700 hours until gale force winds have subsided. The area affected by this order includes all navigable waters of the Port of Hampton Roads within 30 miles of Thimble Shoal Light, the Lower Maryland Eastern Shore, and the Port of Richmond. The Port of Hampton Roads and the Port of Richmond are closed. Conference call at 1600 to discuss options.

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Response Operations Hurricane Readiness Condition 1 with augmented staff monitoring National Hurricane Center Advisories on Tropical Storm Hanna, Hurricane Ike, and Tropical Storm Josephine and maintaining situational awareness. The VEOC is monitoring Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency conference calls regarding Tropical Storm Hanna. An event has been created in WebEOC titled 2008-09 Hurricane Hanna. State agencies and localities should make entries and monitor for information related to Tropical Storm Hanna. The VEOC initiated weather conference calls with state agencies, Virginia Dominion Power, military units, and the National Weather Service Forecast Offices covering Virginia. FEMA Emergency Response Team (ERT-A) is deployed to the VEOC to coordinate Federal response efforts.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Department of Social Services (DSS)

As of 1400 11 shelters are open, 2 of which are Special Medical Needs (SMN), with 82 occupants. Evacuees sheltered in the following localities: Chesapeake, VA Beach, Hampton, Southampton, and Isle of Wight. At each shelter's peak occupancy, there was a reported number of 104 shelterees. 7 shelters are on standby. Portsmouth had one refuge of last resort open with 14 evacuees.

American Red Cross (ARC)

As of 1400 served 60 meals and delivered 190 snacks.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

VA Department of Health

VDH is maintaining situational awareness, conducting communications checks, and preparing to staff ESF-8 at VEOC and to stand-up VDH ECC if required.

ESF 13 Public Safety

Virginia State Police

All uniformed State Police personnel were placed on unrestricted standby last night and planning is underway should it be necessary to send a contingent of troopers to assist with recovery efforts. The State Police Swift Water Rescue Teams have been mobilized and a decision will be made this afternoon regarding staging these personnel and resources to allow for a rapid response to the impacted areas. A State Police mobile command post is in Richmond and another in Appomattox and both are ready to respond if necessary to provide coordination for State Police recovery efforts. ESF-13 will be staffed on a 24 hour basis beginning at 1600 hours today for the duration of the emergency.

ESF 16 – Military Affairs

Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)

Monitoring situational awareness, obtaining equipment status and anticipating staffing requirements. **350 soldiers on standby at Fort Pickett.**

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit

Preparing Situation Reports, monitoring WebEOC entries, maintaining situational awareness, preparing daily shift-change briefings, facilitating daily operational planning meeting, preparing and distributing daily operation plans.

ESF 5 – Mapping/GIS Unit **Providing GIS support.**

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Identifying locations for possible pre-positioning of resources, staging areas, and Point of Distribution (POD) locations. The State Emergency Services Contract will be available to localities effective 4 September 2008. Providing deployment location for FEMA Mobile Emergency Response System (MERS) equipment. Establishing staging areas at the Chesterfield County Airport, and Fort A.P. Hill for Federal resources to support response to Tropical Storm Hanna. Private resources are also being coordinated to support response activities.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES**LOCAL EOC ACTIVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS****LOCALITIES:**

Locality	Declaration Date and Time	EOC Activation and Time
Alexandria		6 September 0400
Arlington		6 September
Caroline County	5 September 1000 Hours	5 September 0700
Chesapeake City	5 September 1230 Hours	5 September 0800
Chesterfield County	5 September 1200 Hours	Closed 1200 6 September
Chincoteague		Closed 1300 6 September
Danville City		Closed 1100 6 September
Dinwiddie County		6 September 0400
Emporia City		Closed 1000 6 September
Franklin City	5 September 1200 Hours	5 September
Fredericksburg City		6 September
Gloucester County	5 September 0600	5 September 2200
Hampton City	5 September 1200	5 September 0900
Henrico County	5 September 1500	Closed 1500 6 September
Isle of Wight County	5 September 1200	Closed 1600 6 September
James City County	5 September 1000	Closed 1400 6 September
King William County		Closed 1430 6 September
Lancaster County	5 September 1300	Closed 2000 6 September
Loudoun County		6 September
Mathews County		5 September 0800
Middlesex County	5 September 1300	5 September 1300
New Kent County		5 September 1800
Newport News City	5 September 1200	Closed 1300 6 September
Norfolk City	5 September 1200	Closed 1800 6 September
Northampton County	5 September 1700	
Northumberland County	5 September 1300	Closed 1430 6 September
Petersburg		6 September 0800
Poquoson City		6 September 0600
Portsmouth City	5 September 1630	5 September 2200
Prince George County	5 September 1730	5 September 1900
Prince William City		6 September 0600
Richmond City	5 September 2245	5 September 2000
Richmond County	5 September 1201	6 September 0700
Southampton County	5 September 1200	Closed 1300 6 September
Stafford County		6 September 0700
Suffolk City	5 September 1500	5 September 1600
Surry County		5 September 2100
Virginia Beach City	5 September 1200	5 September 0800
Westmoreland County	5 September 1300	Closed 1200 6 September
Williamsburg		6 September
York County	5 September 1200	5 September 1200

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